



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Brown County Planning Commission, WI*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Brown County Planning Commission was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in eastern Wisconsin, Brown County (population 244,764) was established in 1818 and includes the City of Green Bay. The Fox River flows through the county and has historically been used to transport goods and provide a source of electric power. In the 1800s, sawmills began the industrialization of the river corridor. Lured by the sawmills, water power, and access to raw lumber, paper mills then developed along the river. Other heavy industries, including machining and tool and die manufacturing, were established to support the paper industry. Today, due to the perception that these



### Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**  
**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Brown County Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory potential brownfield sites in the county and to conduct 20 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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industrial sites are polluted, they remain vacant or underutilized. The county's population is growing and diversifying, and 9.8 percent of residents live in poverty. Low-to-moderate income households are close to many of the county's 790 known brownfields. Assessment of the county's brownfields will clarify environmental concerns and is expected to be the first step in the county's efforts to redevelop downtown, commercial, and Fox River properties.